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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" From a perusal of the statement given in the Appendix, it is found that only Rs. 993 has been given to the Salem District Board for all the six years for which figures are furnished. May I ask, Sir, whether it is due to the board not applying for it or whether the Government did not give more? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot say which was the cause to which it was due; most probably, the district board had no schemes ready for execution."

Mr. P. PEDDI RAJU:—" May I ask the Minister whether the West Godavari District Board was promised a contribution for a laboratory in Tanuku and after the construction was commenced, the Government said there was no money? As the building is not completed, are Government going to give a grant for the building? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot say."

Expenditure on account of the Scout and Girl Guides movements since 1925.

* 473 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the expenditure incurred by the Government is on the Scout and Girl Guides movements (each separately) in each year since 1925; and

(*b*) whether there are any proposals under consideration for increasing the expenditure on this activity and if so, what they are?

A.—(*a*) The grants given to the two associations in the last ten years are shown in the following statement:—

Year.	Amount of grant.	
	Boy Scouts Association.	Girl Guides Association.
	RS.	RS.
1925–26	10,000	Nil.
1926–27	10,000	3,000
1927–28	10,000	4,000
1928–29	10,000	4,000
1929–30	10,000	4,000
1930–31	10,000	10,000
1931–32	10,000	8,000
1932–33	7,500	6,000
1933–34	7,500	6,000
1934–35	7,500	4,052
1935–36	7,500	6,000

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(*b*) Applications from the Madras Boy Scouts Association and the Girl Guides Association for increase of their grants from Rs. 7,500 to Rs. 10,000 and from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 8,000, respectively, have been received and are under consideration.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I ask, Sir, when the application was received for increased grant? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I cannot say."

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—" May I know whether the Government get copies of the accounts from these two institutions and what amount was spent by way of travelling allowance for the chief officers? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Accounts are kept and they are scrutinized by the department of Education. I cannot say how much is spent for travelling allowance and how much on other items."

Collection of fees from elementary school pupils in addition to the levy of education-tax.

* 474 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether school fees are collected from pupils in elementary schools under public management even in districts where education-tax has been levied;

(*b*) in which of such districts such fees are collected and in which they are not;

(*c*) whether elementary education is made absolutely free for both boys and girls in each of such districts or whether it is either for girls or for boys;

(*d*) if there is no uniform policy in this matter, what the reasons therefor are; and

(*e*) whether any district board has represented to the Government or to the Director of Public Instruction during 1934–35 or so far during the current year for making elementary education free in their area, and if so, what their names are, when they applied and what disposal has been done in each case?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) There is no objection to a local body collecting fees in elementary schools under its control even though it levies an education-tax. The Government have no information as to which of the local bodies levying education-tax collect fees in elementary schools under them.

(*e*) No representation has been received by Government nor are they aware that any representation has been made to the Director of Public Instruction on the subject.